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A system for providing access to a plurality of disparate content repositories comprising a single consistent client application program interface (API) that is configured to generate a user request to access content and metadata properties in a plurality of content repositories having a plurality of proprietary program interfaces, a plurality of bridges that translate the user request into a format understandable by the proprietary program interfaces of the plurality of content repositories, and a view services component that processes and converts results content from the plurality of content repositories into a format understandable by said client API. The system further includes an access services component that relays the user request from said client API to said plurality of bridges, and an exchange services server that enables import and export of content and metadata properties in the plurality of content repositories in an XML format.